ARMY AND NAVY NEWS

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THE ARMY

anticipated upon the possible retirement of Gen. Pershing two years battleship. The catapult, recently perfected by the aviation branch of the Navy, made the test at Yorktown, Secretary of War Weeks of Maj. Gen. James G. Harbord, Gen. Pershing's able assistant, the present deputy

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War Gas and Guns.

Extensive experiments have been carried out at Edgewood arsenal in the chemical warfare service to determine the effect of chemical wartermine the effect of chemical war-fare agents on small arms ammuni-tion. Concentrations of gas were used greater than those which in general could be expected upon the battlefield. It was found that ma-chine guns would not be put out of action by any concentration of chemi-cal warfare agents which is at all

feasible under field conditions.

The rumor that machine guns or other weapons were put out of action by gas cloud attacks upon the British front during the war would seem to be exaggerated. There were reports that small arms in the hands of the British were put out of action due to the corrosive effect of the chlorine gas and other chemical warfare seants used by the Germans.

Tests of Small Arms.

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accurate laying of small arms and
machine guns.

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AIR SERVICE

Several months ago the French committee of aeronautical development announced its intention to offer a prize of 1,000,000 francs for the best a prize of 1,000,000 francs for the best aero engine. It has now been decided to add another million francs to the fund in order to make the competition more attractive. It is intended, however, to devote 400,000 francs out of the second million francs toward defraying the expenses of the competition and to divide the remaining 600,000 francs into two prizes of 300,000 francs each for engines of French design and manufacture, these two prizes being offered by the undersecretary of state for air.

The Air Service detachment, consisting of two officers and eighty-three men, arrived at Mitchell Field on May 4 from Germany. This detachment was apparently assigned to Mitchell Field to be broken up and the personnel distributed to other Air Service stations. This fact is regretted very sonnel distributed to other All Server stations. This fact is regretted very much at Mitchell Field, because it is found that the detachment contains some very excellent soldiers and me-chanics.

Under instructions from the commanding officer of the 2d Corps area an investigation was recently made of all possible landing fields in the vicinity of Montauk Point. Long Island, with a view to determining whether or not it would be practicable to establish a temporary landing field in that vicinity during the field training period for the National Guard. The officer completing the investigation reported that no satisfactory landing fields are available in that vicinity. factory landing in that vicinity.

Maj. W. J. Fitzmaurice. Air Service, who has been in command of the Montgomery intermediate depot since October, 1920, has been retired from active duty with the Army and will be succeeded in command by Maj. Roy S. Brown, commanding officer of

Roy S. Brown, commanding officer of the 22d Squadron.
Graduating from West Point Military Academy in 1904, Maj. Frizmaurice during his eighteen years of service filled many important positions of responsibility. His retirement is due to injury caused by an exploding rifle while on duty in Germany.

Training operations, in which every qualified pilot of Ellington Field will participate, began May 1. The first week's schedule consisted of tactical formation training by squadrons of full strength. Pilots have been assigned in equal numbers to the 94th and 27th Squadrons.

Headquarters of the 103d Division. Air Service Reserve, was recently established in Colorado Springs, Colo., with the result that many inquiries are being received from former service men and reserve officers who are interested to know if, in joining, an opportunity would be afforded them to fly. The organization of the 103d Division as to the assignment of officers is about complete, there being a few vacancies in the grade of captain and first lieutenant and a surplus in the gradelof second lieutenant. Enlistment will commence in the near future. near future.

THE NAVY

Naval officers attached to the bureau of aeronautics are greatly pleased with the successful launching | 24. C. A. Veerheen M. D. J.

on May 24 of the service type sea plane, carrying a pilot and passenger from an airplane catapult on the A fitting promotion to chief of staff deck of the U. S. S. Maryland, the country's largest and most powerful

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The project of catapulting ments on the U.S. S. Huntington. If the prepare for the promotion of the those days was, in. Harbord by proper legislation, that the present law for detail of ocers to the general staff will be ended, so that in event of General the work of General that in September, shing's retirement in September, at the War Secretary's wishes can carried out in the appointment of the work of the series of the carried out in the appointment of Gen. Harbord as chief of the general staff.

The indorsement for future promotion of Gen. Harbord at this time, while the general is in Europe, is a flattering compliment on the part of the War Secretary. His action will prove a popular one, first to Gen. Pershing, who was responsible for the commendable appointment of Gen. Harbord as deputy chief of staff, and by others who have come in contact with the general.

Secretary of War Weeks in a recent letter to the Senate and House mill-

and two months' service, at that time would not be eligible for appointment as chief off staff for a longer period than ten months until he had served two years with troops.

"O course, we cannot look forward with any certainty as to what will happen two years from now, aid the Secretary, "but, if I remain lead of the War Department, I should lish to recommend Gen. Harbord to all types of ships. The successful consummation of the planes for cataput all promotion. Gen. Harbord will possible for our Navy.

Admiral Taylor to Retire.

again brings to light the distinguished service of the present chief, Rear Ad-miral D. W. Taylor, who upon his own application will be placed on the retired list.

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It is said that Rear Admiral Taylor is responsible for the design of more man-of-war tonnage than any other constructor in the world. In his retirement is seen the last of the wartime chiefs of naval bureaus, all of the others who served in that important position during the war having been retired or relieved. The retirement of Rear Admiral Taylor is not a surprise to his friends as it had struction of ships of war.

In order to insure a record attendance and incidentally secure funos for a new athletic field at the Naval In connection with the investigation of the new 50-caliber machine gun ammunition at the small arms ballistic testing range at the Aberdeen proving ground, much interesting and valuable data is collected. Ranges have been obtained up to be ultimate range will be in the neighborhood of 8,500 yards. With the expectation that the ultimate range will be in the neighborhood of 8,500 yards. Range firing is done with a modified Decanville 60-centimeter flat car, which may be operated on the nar-which may be operated on the nar-which may be operated on the nar-washingtonians be privileged to wit-Academy, the big football game of the east between the Naval Academy and Pennsylvania State will be meets, the midshipmen have rarely engaged in athletic contests in Washington. It is the wish of Rear Admiral Henry B. Wilson, U. S. N., superintendent of the Academy, that Washingtonians be privileged to witness more of the athletic prowess of the "middies" in contests performed in the District of Columbia.

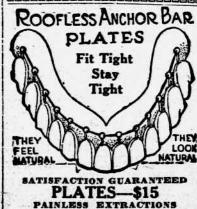
MARINE CORPS

The third annual reunion of the famous 2d Division, which captured that former officers as a one-fourth of the prisoners and artil-In order that former officers as a class, who failed to take advantage of the opportunity given them before enactment of the act of June 4. 1920, to secure appointment in the grade next above that held by them at termination of hostilities, might not be unduly handleapped, a provision permitting the giving of double credit for active war service in com-

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meers and other units experienced while barring the attack of the Germans on the Paris-Chateau Thierry road in June, 1918.

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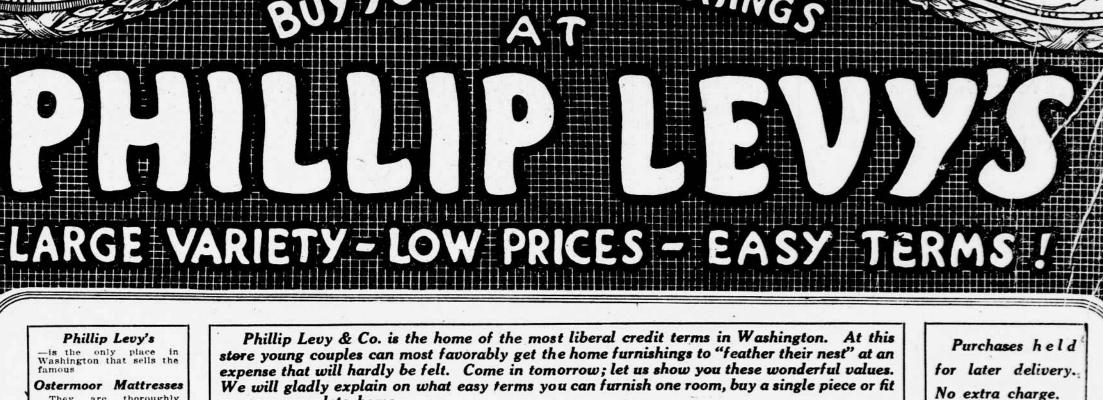
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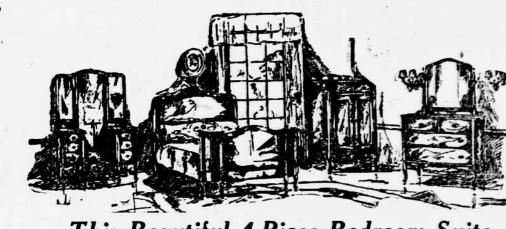
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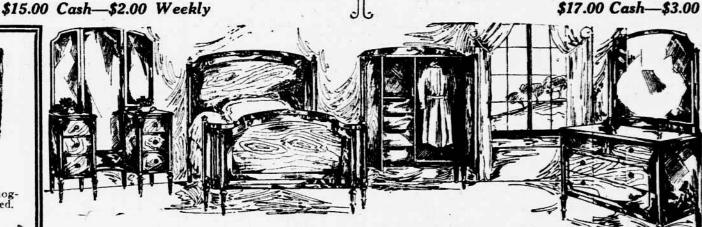
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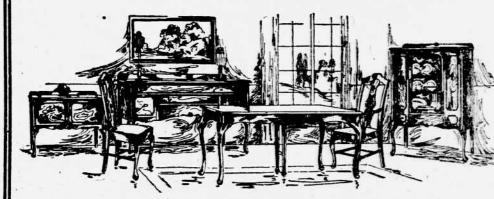
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